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March 15, 2017

Marlene H. Dortch, Esq.
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Section 63.71 Application of TDS Metrocom, LLC

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Enclosed is a Section 63.71 discontinuance application of TDS Metrocom, LLC (FRN: 3767639) (TDS).

The application seeks Commission approval for the discontinuance of TDS' retail Voice services to approximately nine (9) commercial customers in the Richfield, Minnesota market area. The discontinuance of the approximately twenty five (25) Voice services are a result of CenturyLink being required, due to a road move, to relocate and replace with fiber a portion of their copper facilities used as the underlying service leased on a wholesale basis by TDS to serve its customers. The relocation and discontinuance will occur on May 15, 2017.

Please direct questions concerning this Transmittal to me at the contact information below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)
Section 63.71 Application of)
TDS Metrocom, LLC)
For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of)
the Communications Act of 1934,)
To Discontinue the Provision of Voice)
Services in the Richfield, Minnesota)
Market Area)

**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF
TDS METROCOM, LLC**

TDS Metrocom, LLC ("Applicant") seeks authorization pursuant to Section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §214(a) and Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue its provision of approximately twenty five (25))Voice Services to nine (9) Customers at various addresses in the Richfield Minnesota Market Area. This action is a direct result of a copper retirement Public Notice No. 793 dated October 10, 2016 provided by CenturyLink sent to Applicant. The CenturyLink copper retirement will result in the disconnection of unbundled wholesale copper based voice services Applicant leases from CenturyLink to provide commercial retail service to Applicant's customers. The Applicant provides the following information pursuant to Section 63.71 of the Commission's Rules:

1. Name and Address of the Carrier: TDS Metrocom, LLC, 525 Junction Road, Madison, Wisconsin 53717.
2. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance: Applicant plans to discontinue the affected services on May 15, 2017.
3. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected: Applicant proposes to discontinue the affected services in the Richfield, Minnesota Market Area.
4. Description of Service Affected: Voice Services provided over a copper facility leased on a wholesale basis from CenturyLink to serve Applicant's end user customers will be disconnected by CenturyLink and replaced with Fiber to the Premise facilities. Applicant will not have options available for its customers at reasonably comparable rates, terms and conditions and thus will discontinue current services to the impacted customers.

5. Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers: Applicant mailed a written notification of the planned discontinuance to the impacted customers utilizing the services in accordance with Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's Rules. Customer notifications were mailed via U.S. Postal mail on March 15, 2017. A copy of the notification is attached to this application.

6. Regulatory Classification of Carrier: Applicant is considered non-dominant with respect to the services to be discontinued.

7. Other Information: In accordance with Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's Rules, a copy of this application is being mailed concurrently with its filing to the Governor of Minnesota, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and the Special Assistant for Telecommunications to the Secretary of Defense. Please direct questions regarding this application to the undersigned.

Conclusion: The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of the Applicant's Voice Services in the Richfield, Minnesota Market Area. Advance notice has been provided to all affected customers, giving them ample time to arrange substitute services, which are readily available from CenturyLink. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Section 63.71 application.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment



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TDS Metrocom (TDS) is applying, under Section 214a of the FCC Rules, for Discontinuance of Service to our retail voice customers in the Richfield, MN market area effective May 15, 2017 as a direct result of CenturyLink retiring its underlying copper facilities in that area and replacing them with Fiber to the Premise Facilities (FTTP).

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on: March 15, 2017

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Kevin Hess
Executive Vice President
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March 15, 2017

<Billing Name 1>
<Billing Address 1>
<City>, <State> <Zip 5>

Dear Valued Customer,

TDS Metrocom, LLC (TDS) regrets to inform you that it has made a difficult decision to discontinue local and long distance voice services in the Richfield MN area, which includes your current service(s) with TDS. This discontinuance is subject to the approval of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and, if such approval is received, the discontinuance by TDS will take place on May 15, 2017.

On October 10, 2016, CenturyLink filed notice with both the Federal Communications Commission and TDS of its intention to retire certain copper loops in the Richfield MN area and replace those loops with fiber-to-the-home facilities. This action impacts TDS services to our customers since TDS has leased these CenturyLink copper facilities to provide our retail service to you. The effective date of the copper facility retirement as stated by CenturyLink is to be May 15, 2017.

As a result of CenturyLink's replacement of copper loops with fiber-to-the-home facilities, it will no longer be feasible for TDS to provide reasonably comparable services to what TDS had offered in the Richfield MN area. However, CenturyLink will be able to provide alternative service offerings in your area. You may contact CenturyLink to learn about these substitute services by calling them at 800-764-9504 between 10:00am and 7:00pm (Central Time), Monday through Friday. In addition, other providers may also be able to provide you with alternative service offerings. A list of such possible providers can be found on the following web sites:

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission: <http://mn.gov/puc/>

or Minnesota Department of Commerce: <http://mn.gov/commerce/>

The FCC will normally authorize a proposed discontinuance of service (or reduction or impairment) unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance.

You may file your comments electronically through the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System using the docket number established in the Commission's public notice for this proceeding, or you may address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the §63.71 Application of TDS. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your business, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

If you have any questions, please contact TDS Customer Support at 1-855-837-2455.

Thank you for being a TDS customer, we have valued your business.

Sincerely,

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Jim Butman
Chief Operating Officer


CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Jennifer Heise, do hereby certify that on this 15th day of March 2017, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Section 63.71 Application of TDS Metrocom, LLC via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to the following:

Secretary of Defense
Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications
The Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301

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